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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to political parties' governance and conventions.  
 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-22 SECTION 1. Section 162.001(a), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-23 read as follows:  
 1-24 (a) A person must be affiliated with a political party to be  
 1-25 eligible ~~[to]~~:  
 1-26 (1) to serve as a delegate to or otherwise participate  
 1-27 in a convention held by the party under this code;  
 1-28 (2) to be elected as a member of or be appointed to  
 1-29 fill a vacancy on a state executive committee; ~~[or]~~  
 1-30 (3) to be appointed to fill a vacancy on a county  
 1-31 executive committee; or  
 1-32 (4) for any other purpose within the party as adopted  
 1-33 by state party rules.  
 1-34 SECTION 2. Section 162.008, Election Code, is amended to  
 1-35 read as follows:  
 1-36 Sec. 162.008. AFFILIATION PROCEDURE: TAKING OATH  
 1-37 GENERALLY. (a) A ~~[This section applies only to a]~~ person may  
 1-38 ~~[desiring to]~~ affiliate with a political party at any time by taking  
 1-39 an oath of affiliation ~~[during that part of a voting year in which~~  
 1-40 ~~the general election for state and county officers is held that~~  
 1-41 follows:  
 1-42 ~~[(1) the date of the precinct conventions held under~~  
 1-43 ~~this title, for a party nominating by convention; or~~  
 1-44 ~~[(2) 7 p.m. on general primary election day, for a~~  
 1-45 ~~party holding a primary election].~~  
 1-46 (b) On request of a person desiring to affiliate with a  
 1-47 political party, a member of the county executive committee for the  
 1-48 county in which the person resides or other person authorized by  
 1-49 party rule shall administer the oath prescribed by Section  
 1-50 162.007(b).  
 1-51 (c) After administering the oath, the committee member or  
 1-52 authorized person shall stamp the party's name on the person's  
 1-53 registration certificate or issue the person an affiliation  
 1-54 certificate as provided by Section 162.007(c).  
 1-55 SECTION 3. Section 162.010, Election Code, is amended to  
 1-56 read as follows:  
 1-57 Sec. 162.010. DURATION OF AFFILIATION. (a) Except as  
 1-58 provided by Subsection (b), a ~~[A]~~ party affiliation expires at the  
 1-59 end of the voting year in which the person became affiliated.  
 1-60 (b) A party affiliation made in an odd-numbered year expires  
 1-61 on the first day on which a person may file an application for a

2-1 place on the general primary election ballot.

2-2 SECTION 4. Section 162.011(a), Election Code, is amended to  
2-3 read as follows:

2-4 (a) A person commits an offense if for the purpose of  
2-5 participating in a political party's convention or other party  
2-6 meeting or event the person presents to a party official:

2-7 (1) an affiliation certificate that the person knows  
2-8 was not issued in compliance with this chapter; or

2-9 (2) a voter registration certificate with a party  
2-10 affiliation stamp that the person knows was not obtained in  
2-11 compliance with this chapter.

2-12 SECTION 5. Chapter 162, Election Code, is amended by adding  
2-13 Section 162.017 to read as follows:

2-14 Sec. 162.017. PREREGISTRATION. (a) A political party  
2-15 holding a precinct convention may preregister attendees for the  
2-16 convention by electronic means or any other method the party may  
2-17 adopt by rule.

2-18 (b) The party may, through the preregistration process,  
2-19 collect the following information from attendees:

2-20 (1) demographic data;

2-21 (2) information needed to organize and prepare records  
2-22 of the convention; and

2-23 (3) any additional information required by party rule.

2-24 (c) In a presidential election year, the party may collect  
2-25 through preregistration declarations of support for presidential  
2-26 candidates or a statement of uncommitted status. The party may by  
2-27 rule use this information to aid in the selection of delegates to  
2-28 its county or senatorial district convention.

2-29 (d) If a political party collects declarations of support  
2-30 for presidential candidates or a statement of uncommitted status  
2-31 through preregistration under Subsection (c), it must employ a  
2-32 process by which an attendee may change the attendee's stated  
2-33 preference before the precinct convention.

2-34 (e) The preregistration process must include the statement  
2-35 described by Section 162.004(a) and require a preregistering  
2-36 attendee to affiliate with the party by taking the oath described in  
2-37 Section 162.007(b).

2-38 (f) The date and time at which preregistration opens and  
2-39 closes may be set by party rule.

2-40 (g) A person who does not preregister to attend a precinct  
2-41 convention under this section may register in person at the  
2-42 convention and must have voting rights identical to those of a  
2-43 person who preregistered.

2-44 SECTION 6. Section 163.004(a), Election Code, is amended to  
2-45 read as follows:

2-46 (a) A political party's rules, including amendments to  
2-47 rules, governing or affecting its general or runoff primary  
2-48 elections, conventions held under this code, or nominees may be  
2-49 adopted only by:

2-50 (1) a state convention; or

2-51 (2) the state executive committee as:

2-52 (A) a temporary rule, if adoption before the next  
2-53 state convention is necessary; or

2-54 (B) a permanent rule, if the state executive  
2-55 committee is expressly required or authorized by statute to adopt a  
2-56 rule.

2-57 SECTION 7. The heading to Section 163.005, Election Code,  
2-58 is amended to read as follows:

2-59 Sec. 163.005. FILING AND POSTING RULES [WITH SECRETARY OF  
2-60 STATE]; EFFECTIVE DATE.

2-61 SECTION 8. Section 163.005, Election Code, is amended by  
2-62 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

2-63 (f) All rules, temporary or permanent, shall be posted on  
2-64 the state party's Internet website.

2-65 SECTION 9. Section 163.006(a), Election Code, is amended to  
2-66 read as follows:

2-67 (a) A rule on electoral affairs that is to become effective  
2-68 in a year in which the party will hold precinct conventions under  
2-69 this title must be filed with the secretary of state and posted on

3-1 the party's Internet website not later than the 30th day before the  
 3-2 date the party convenes its earliest ~~[of convening the]~~ precinct  
 3-3 conventions. The secretary of state may extend this deadline for  
 3-4 good cause.

3-5 SECTION 10. Section 171.0221(b), Election Code, is amended  
 3-6 to read as follows:

3-7 (b) The county chair shall prepare a document that shall be  
 3-8 posted ~~[sign]~~ that states: "Pursuant to Section 171.0221, Election  
 3-9 Code, (insert name of unopposed candidate for precinct chair), if  
 3-10 otherwise eligible, shall be declared elected to the office of  
 3-11 precinct chair at the time of the local canvass." The county chair  
 3-12 or entity contracted to hold the election shall distribute copies  
 3-13 of the document ~~[sign]~~ to the presiding judge of the election  
 3-14 precinct with the other election supplies. An election officer  
 3-15 shall post the document ~~[sign]~~ in one or more locations in the  
 3-16 polling place where it can be read by persons waiting to vote.

3-17 SECTION 11. Sections 171.024(a), (b), and (e), Election  
 3-18 Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-19 (a) The county executive committee shall fill by  
 3-20 appointment any vacancy on the committee. The state executive  
 3-21 committee may by rule adopt procedures for filling vacancies.

3-22 (b) The state executive committee shall adopt rules  
 3-23 regarding how many members of the county executive committee  
 3-24 constitute a quorum for the purpose of ~~[Except as provided by~~  
 3-25 ~~Subsection (c), a majority of the committee's membership must~~  
 3-26 ~~participate in]~~ filling a vacancy. To be elected, a person must  
 3-27 receive a favorable vote of a majority of the members voting.

3-28 (e) After a vacancy is filled, the county chair shall  
 3-29 promptly deliver written or electronic notice of the replacement  
 3-30 member's name and address to the state chair and to the county  
 3-31 clerk.

3-32 SECTION 12. Section 174.021, Election Code, is amended to  
 3-33 read as follows:

3-34 Sec. 174.021. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY AND  
 3-35 SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. (a) The delegates to a political  
 3-36 party's county and senatorial district conventions held under this  
 3-37 chapter shall be selected in accordance with party rules at  
 3-38 precinct conventions held as provided by this subchapter.

3-39 (b) A political party may by rule allow a county to hold  
 3-40 precinct conventions before the county convention on the same day  
 3-41 and at the same place as the county convention. The rule may modify  
 3-42 other provisions of this subchapter as necessary for the county to  
 3-43 hold precinct conventions as provided by this subsection.

3-44 SECTION 13. Sections 174.022(a), (c), and (d), Election  
 3-45 Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-46 (a) The precinct conventions may be held at a time and place  
 3-47 as determined by rules adopted by the state executive committee of a  
 3-48 political party ~~[in the regular county election precincts on:~~

3-49 ~~(1) general primary election day, and~~  
 3-50 ~~(2) a date determined by the county executive~~  
 3-51 ~~committee that occurs not later than the fifth day after the date of~~  
 3-52 ~~the general primary election].~~

3-53 (c) If ~~[precinct]~~ conventions are held on general primary  
 3-54 election day, the hour set for convening the conventions may not be  
 3-55 earlier than 7 p.m. or later than 9 p.m., but a convention may not  
 3-56 convene until the last voter has voted at the precinct polling  
 3-57 place. If ~~[precinct]~~ conventions are held on a day other than  
 3-58 general primary election day, the county executive committee shall  
 3-59 set the hour for convening or a time frame in which the conventions  
 3-60 must convene.

3-61 (d) The place selected for a ~~[precinct]~~ convention must meet  
 3-62 the same requirements for access by the elderly and persons with  
 3-63 physical disabilities as a polling place under Section 43.034(a).

3-64 SECTION 14. Sections 174.023(a) and (b), Election Code, are  
 3-65 amended to read as follows:

3-66 (a) The county chair shall post a notice of the date, hour,  
 3-67 and place for convening each ~~[precinct]~~ convention on the county or  
 3-68 state party's Internet website or other Internet location easily  
 3-69 found through a search engine. If the county party does not

4-1 maintain an Internet website, the chair shall post the notice on the  
 4-2 county commissioner's bulletin board [~~used for posting notice of~~  
 4-3 ~~meetings of the commissioners court~~]. The notice must remain  
 4-4 posted continuously for the 10 days immediately preceding the date  
 4-5 of the convention.

4-6 (b) Not later than the 10th day before the date of the  
 4-7 precinct conventions, the county chair shall deliver to the county  
 4-8 clerk written notice either on paper or in electronic form of the  
 4-9 date, hour, and place for convening each precinct convention.

4-10 SECTION 15. Sections 174.025(a), (c), (d), and (e),  
 4-11 Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

4-12 (a) The state executive committee of a political party may  
 4-13 adopt a rule requiring the precinct chair to be the permanent chair  
 4-14 of the precinct convention unless the precinct chair is absent or  
 4-15 declines the position. If a rule is not adopted under this  
 4-16 subsection, the precinct chair is the temporary chair of the  
 4-17 precinct convention held under this subchapter.

4-18 (c) Before conducting business, the precinct [~~temporary~~]  
 4-19 chair shall prepare a list containing the name and residence  
 4-20 address of each person who is admitted to participate in the  
 4-21 convention.

4-22 (d) The precinct [~~temporary~~] chair shall call the  
 4-23 convention to order.

4-24 (e) The convention shall select a convention chair, if the  
 4-25 precinct chair is not the permanent chair, and a convention  
 4-26 secretary. The convention may select any other officers considered  
 4-27 necessary to conduct the convention's business.

4-28 SECTION 16. Section 174.026, Election Code, is amended to  
 4-29 read as follows:

4-30 Sec. 174.026. CONVENTION BUSINESS. After the convention is  
 4-31 organized, the convention shall select its delegates to the  
 4-32 subsequent [~~county or senatorial district~~] convention and conduct  
 4-33 any other convention business.

4-34 SECTION 17. Section 174.027, Election Code, is amended by  
 4-35 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (g) to read as  
 4-36 follows:

4-37 (d) The county chair shall retain the copies of the lists  
 4-38 stored in paper or electronic files until the end of the voting year  
 4-39 in which they are received.

4-40 (g) An electronic submission to the county chair through a  
 4-41 system created by party rule constitutes a complete delivery under  
 4-42 Subsection (c).

4-43 SECTION 18. Section 174.062, Election Code, is amended to  
 4-44 read as follows:

4-45 Sec. 174.062. TYPE OF CONVENTION HELD. (a) A party may  
 4-46 adopt rules for holding conventions at any level before and  
 4-47 including the state convention. If a state executive committee has  
 4-48 not adopted other rules, conventions shall be held as follows:

4-49 (1) except [~~Except~~] as provided by Subdivision (3)  
 4-50 [~~Subsection (c)~~], a county convention shall be held in a county if  
 4-51 the county is not situated in more than one state senatorial  
 4-52 district; [-]

4-53 (2) if [~~(b) If~~] a county is situated in more than one  
 4-54 state senatorial district, instead of a county convention a  
 4-55 senatorial district convention shall be held in each part of the  
 4-56 county that is situated in a different senatorial district, unless  
 4-57 otherwise provided by party rule; or [-]

4-58 (3) if [~~(c) If~~] the county executive committee for a  
 4-59 political party determines that no suitable location for the county  
 4-60 convention is available in the county, the county executive  
 4-61 committee may apply to the state executive committee of that  
 4-62 political party to issue an order permitting the county convention  
 4-63 to be held at a location outside the county.

4-64 (b) An order under Subsection (a)(3) [~~this subsection~~] must  
 4-65 be entered in the minutes of the state executive committee not later  
 4-66 than the 30th day before the date the county convention is to be  
 4-67 held.

4-68 SECTION 19. Section 174.063(a), Election Code, is amended  
 4-69 to read as follows:

5-1 (a) Conventions [~~The county and senatorial district~~  
 5-2 ~~conventions~~] shall be held on a day set by the state executive  
 5-3 committee by rule. These rules shall allow the committees at each  
 5-4 level of convention to set the hour and place for convening their  
 5-5 conventions [~~the third Saturday after general primary election day.~~  
 5-6 ~~However, if that date occurs during Passover or on the day following~~  
 5-7 ~~Good Friday, the conventions shall be held on the next Saturday that~~  
 5-8 ~~does not occur during Passover or on the day following Good Friday].~~

5-9 SECTION 20. Sections 174.064(a) and (b), Election Code, are  
 5-10 amended to read as follows:

5-11 (a) A notice of the hour and place for convening each county  
 5-12 and senatorial district convention shall be posted electronically  
 5-13 on the county or state party's Internet website or on the bulletin  
 5-14 board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners  
 5-15 court. The notice must remain posted continuously for the 10 days  
 5-16 immediately preceding the date of the convention.

5-17 (b) Not later than the 10th day before the date of the county  
 5-18 and senatorial district conventions, written notice either on paper  
 5-19 or in electronic form of the hour and place for convening each  
 5-20 convention shall be delivered to the county clerk.

5-21 SECTION 21. Section 174.065, Election Code, is amended to  
 5-22 read as follows:

5-23 Sec. 174.065. ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION. (a) The state  
 5-24 executive committee of a political party may adopt a rule requiring  
 5-25 the county chair to be the permanent chair of the county convention  
 5-26 or requiring the senatorial district executive committee member or  
 5-27 chair of the district executive committee, as applicable, to be the  
 5-28 permanent chair of the senatorial district convention, unless the  
 5-29 person is absent or declines the position. If a rule is not adopted  
 5-30 under this subsection, the county chair is the temporary chair of a  
 5-31 county convention held under this subchapter. If a senatorial  
 5-32 district is situated in more than one county, the senatorial  
 5-33 district executive committee member from each county is the  
 5-34 temporary chair of the senatorial district convention held in the  
 5-35 territory that the committee member represents unless the state  
 5-36 executive committee has adopted a rule under this subsection. If a  
 5-37 senatorial district is not situated in more than one county, the  
 5-38 chair of the district executive committee is the temporary chair of  
 5-39 the senatorial district convention unless the state executive  
 5-40 committee has adopted a rule under this subsection.

5-41 (b) If the person designated as [~~temporary~~] chair by  
 5-42 Subsection (a) is absent or declines the position, a delegate to the  
 5-43 convention may act as temporary chair.

5-44 (c) The [~~temporary~~] chair shall call the convention to order  
 5-45 and deliver the lists of delegates prepared under Section 174.027  
 5-46 to the convention.

5-47 (d) The convention shall select a convention chair, if the  
 5-48 person listed in Subsection (a) is not the permanent chair, is not  
 5-49 present, or has declined the position, and a convention secretary  
 5-50 from among the delegates present. The convention may select any  
 5-51 other officers considered necessary to conduct the convention's  
 5-52 business.

5-53 SECTION 22. Section 174.067, Election Code, is amended to  
 5-54 read as follows:

5-55 Sec. 174.067. STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES SERVE UNTIL NEXT  
 5-56 PRIMARY ELECTION [~~FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR~~]. State convention  
 5-57 delegates selected under this subchapter serve as the delegates for  
 5-58 all state conventions held until the next general primary election  
 5-59 date [~~during the remainder of the year in which they are selected~~].

5-60 SECTION 23. Section 174.068, Election Code, is amended to  
 5-61 read as follows:

5-62 Sec. 174.068. VOTING AT CONVENTION. The state executive  
 5-63 committee may adopt rules concerning voting procedures for any  
 5-64 party convention. If the state executive committee fails to adopt  
 5-65 rules:

5-66 (1) the [~~(a) The~~] delegates selected by a particular  
 5-67 precinct convention who attend the county or senatorial district  
 5-68 convention are entitled to cast a number of votes equal to as many  
 5-69 delegates as that precinct convention was entitled to select; and

6-1 [-]

6-2 (2) a ~~[(b)—A]~~ person may not vote a proxy at a county  
6-3 or senatorial district convention.

6-4 SECTION 24. Section 174.069, Election Code, is amended by  
6-5 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6-6 (c) An electronic submission to the county chair through a  
6-7 system created by party rule constitutes a complete delivery under  
6-8 Subsection (b).

6-9 SECTION 25. Section 174.092(a), Election Code, is amended  
6-10 to read as follows:

6-11 (a) The biennial state convention shall be convened on a  
6-12 date selected by the state executive committee ~~[any day in June or~~  
6-13 ~~July].~~

6-14 SECTION 26. Section 174.093, Election Code, is amended to  
6-15 read as follows:

6-16 Sec. 174.093. NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE. Before the date of  
6-17 the party's precinct conventions held under this chapter, the state  
6-18 chair shall post on the party's Internet website ~~[deliver written~~  
6-19 ~~notice of]~~ the date, hour, and place for convening the biennial  
6-20 state convention ~~[to the secretary of state, each county chair, and~~  
6-21 ~~each temporary chair of a senatorial district convention].~~

6-22 SECTION 27. Section 174.094, Election Code, is amended to  
6-23 read as follows:

6-24 Sec. 174.094. ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION. (a) The state  
6-25 executive committee may adopt a rule requiring the state chair to be  
6-26 the permanent chair of the convention unless the state chair is  
6-27 absent or declines the position. If a rule is not adopted under  
6-28 this subsection, the state chair is the temporary chair of the  
6-29 biennial state convention.

6-30 (b) The ~~[temporary]~~ chair shall call the convention to  
6-31 order.

6-32 (c) The ~~[temporary]~~ chair shall prepare a list of the names  
6-33 and residence addresses of the delegates and any alternate  
6-34 delegates to the convention and shall deliver the list to the  
6-35 convention.

6-36 (d) The convention shall select a convention chair, if the  
6-37 state chair is not the permanent chair, and a convention secretary.  
6-38 The convention may select any other officers considered necessary  
6-39 to conduct the convention's business.

6-40 SECTION 28. Section 174.096, Election Code, is amended to  
6-41 read as follows:

6-42 Sec. 174.096. VOTING AT CONVENTION. The state executive  
6-43 committee shall adopt rules concerning the voting procedures for  
6-44 the convention. If the state executive committee fails to adopt  
6-45 rules:

6-46 (1) the ~~[(a)—The]~~ delegates selected by a particular  
6-47 county or senatorial district convention who attend the biennial  
6-48 state convention are entitled to cast a number of votes equal to as  
6-49 many delegates as that county or senatorial district convention was  
6-50 entitled to select; [-]

6-51 (2) a ~~[(b)—A]~~ person may not vote a proxy for  
6-52 delegates from more than one county or senatorial district; and

6-53 (3) a ~~[-—A]~~ person who votes a proxy for a delegate  
6-54 from a county may not do so for a delegate from a senatorial  
6-55 district and vice versa.

6-56 SECTION 29. Section 181.063, Election Code, is amended to  
6-57 read as follows:

6-58 Sec. 181.063. HOUR AND PLACE OF PRECINCT AND COUNTY  
6-59 CONVENTIONS. The hours and places for convening the county  
6-60 convention and precinct conventions held under this chapter shall  
6-61 be set as provided by Section 174.022 ~~[174.022(b)]~~ for setting the  
6-62 hours and places of precinct conventions of a party holding a  
6-63 primary election.

6-64 SECTION 30. Section 181.066, Election Code, is amended to  
6-65 read as follows:

6-66 Sec. 181.066. ORGANIZING PRECINCT CONVENTION. (a) Unless  
6-67 the state executive committee has adopted rules providing that the  
6-68 precinct chair is the permanent chair, the ~~[The]~~ precinct chair is  
6-69 the temporary chair of a precinct convention held under this

7-1 chapter. If the precinct chair is absent or declines the position,  
 7-2 a participant may act as a temporary chair.

7-3 (b) Before conducting business, the precinct chair or  
 7-4 temporary chair shall prepare a list containing the name and  
 7-5 residence address of each person who is admitted to participate in  
 7-6 the convention. In preparing the list, the chair shall use  
 7-7 information from preregistration if the party has adopted a  
 7-8 preregistration process under Section 162.017.

7-9 (c) The precinct chair or temporary chair shall call the  
 7-10 convention to order.

7-11 (d) The convention shall select a convention chair if a  
 7-12 temporary chair is acting as chair. The convention may select any  
 7-13 other officers considered necessary to conduct the convention's  
 7-14 business.

7-15 SECTION 31. Section 181.067, Election Code, is amended by  
 7-16 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7-17 (d) An electronic submission to the county chair through a  
 7-18 system created by party rule constitutes a complete delivery under  
 7-19 Subsection (b).

7-20 SECTION 32. Sections 191.031(a) and (c), Election Code, are  
 7-21 amended to read as follows:

7-22 (a) If a political party holding a primary election in a  
 7-23 presidential election year desires to send delegates to a national  
 7-24 presidential nominating convention of the party, the party shall  
 7-25 select the delegates at a state convention convened on a date  
 7-26 adopted by the state executive committee occurring in [any day in  
 7-27 June of] the presidential election year. Before the date of the  
 7-28 party's precinct conventions held under Chapter 174, the party's  
 7-29 state executive committee shall choose the date, hour, and place  
 7-30 for the state convention.

7-31 (c) Before the date of the party's precinct conventions, the  
 7-32 party's state chair shall post on the party's Internet website  
 7-33 [~~deliver written~~] notice of the date, hour, and place for the state  
 7-34 convention [~~to:~~

7-35 [~~(1) the secretary of state;~~

7-36 [~~(2) each county chair of the party; and~~

7-37 [~~(3) the temporary chair of each senatorial district~~  
 7-38 ~~convention of the party].~~

7-39 SECTION 33. Sections 174.022(b) and 174.063(b) and (c),  
 7-40 Election Code, are repealed.

7-41 SECTION 34. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
 7-42 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
 7-43 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
 7-44 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
 7-45 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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